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Cal. GOP Rep. Is Guilty on Vicious Wage Charge

Republican leaders, currently smearing the Democrats with epithets ranging up to "treason," are busy also with "explanations" in behalf of Republican Congressman Ernest K. Bramblett, who has been found guilty on seven counts of falsifying his congressional office payroll.

Bramblett, who hails from Pacific Grove and was elected Congressman eight years ago over George E. Outland, pro-labor Santa Barbara college teacher, was convicted on one of the most vicious of wage charges—"kick-backs."

The Congressman, who has not resigned although he has admitted he will not seek re-election, faces a possible maximum penalty of

\$10,000 fine and five years imprisonment on each count. However, as some news services have put it: "The maximum penalty is seldom imposed."

Congressman Bramblett showed no emotion as he listened to a federal jury announce its verdict. Notice of appeal was filed at once and sentence was delayed until the appeal is actually filed.

The jury deliberated only an hour and 40 minutes to find the Republican standard bearer had illegally made written false statements about his payroll, that he had signed a clerk-hire form putting a woman on his payroll and then taking her pay by having her endorse her checks to him. The woman admitted she did no work, but her husband testified that Bramblett received via the "kick-back" most of the \$3300 she was supposed to have earned.

It was in the fall of 1952 that Washington columnist Drew Pearson accused Bramblett of payroll-padding. The latter sued Pearson for libel, but the suit was quietly dropped by June as the heavy-jowled solon stood indicted by a federal grand jury.

The case dragged on at length, and will continue to do so. If Bramblett's appeal fails and he winds up behind bars, it will be up to his district to fill the vacancy. The district could call a special election or leave the seat vacant until the fall elections.

Salinas Carpenter Taken by Death

Homer E. ("Ed") Darling, member of Salinas Carpenters Union for several years, died last week at the age of 60. He had joined the Carpenters Union first in Colorado and came to Salinas from Oakland in 1945.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn. A son, Homer E. Darling Jr., is a member of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323. Funeral services were held last Thursday.

Food Prices Still Up

New York (LPA)—Wholesale food prices are still 14.4 per cent higher than a year ago, and 17.6 per cent higher than pre-Korea. The figures are based on the prices of 31 foods in common use.

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Agents Meet In Monterey

Business representatives of various building trades crafts serving Monterey County gathered for lunch at Casa Munras last Thursday, the regular monthly luncheon for the group to talk over mutual problems.

Attendance was under that of the January meeting of the agents in Salinas, due to other activities which prevented some agents from attending. However, good discussions were held on problems affecting building crafts.

Those in attendance included George Jenkins, president of the county Building Trades Council and secretary of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey; Dial H. Miles, secretary-business agent of the building council; Thomas Eide, president of the District Council of Carpenters and business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323.

John Grisin, business agent of Monterey Plumbers 62; Les Estes, business agent of Laborers 690; Wray D. Emple, business agent of Salinas Laborers 272; Buck Hope, business agent of Engineers 3; Ervin Duncan, business agent of Teamsters 890, and M. J. Jackson, business agent of Monterey Painters 272.

Laborers Work On State Job

Members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas gained employment on the State Forestry Service fire station project at Lockwood last week, following a trip to the site by Business Agent Wray D. Emple of Local 272.

Emple said O. M. Brodlins, in charge of the Lockwood Station, had agreed that union laborers should be employed on the project, and for any other work which might get underway in the area. The Laborers Contract was signed, the union official added.

Join the union—the job you save may be your own!

Carpenters' Convention

Representatives of more than 100,000 members of the various branches of the woodworking crafts will gather in Santa Rosa next week for the 26th annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters, opening on Thursday, Feb. 25, and continuing through the weekend.

Joseph F. Cambiano, Local 162, San Mateo, veteran president, also announces that the convention proper will be preceded on Wednesday by an all-day session of the Carpenters' State Apprenticeship Committee, to be held in the Labor Temple. Convention sessions will be held in the Veterans' Memorial Building. The Ladies Auxiliary will meet simultaneously.

More than 500 delegates are expected to attend the meetings. A number of labor leaders and city, state and federal officials have been invited to address the convention. North Coast Counties District Council of Carpenters and local unions of Santa Rosa and vicinity are hosts. E. A. Brown, business agent of the council, announces an interesting program has been arranged.

All reservations must be made through the Carpenters' Reservation Committee, Labor Temple, 636 Third St., Santa Rosa, Alan G. Stiles, chairman. The Santa Rosa Hotel will be official headquarters, and arriving delegates are requested to check in there with the housing committee on arrival.

Thursday will be devoted to the opening ceremonies, with addresses of welcome by local and county dignitaries, followed by reading of reports of officers and other business. Delegates are reminded that all resolutions of proposed constitution changes must be presented in triplicate and be in the hands of the Secretary as early as possible to expedite work of the committees. Secretaries are asked to mail lists of deceased members to the state office in advance for inclusion in the Memorial Roster.

SOME UNIONS HAVE HOLIDAY NEXT MONDAY

Monday, Washington's Birthday, is a holiday for a number of union crafts, according to business representatives.

For the first time, union carpenters and laborers will get the holiday, it having been created as a holiday for these crafts in negotiations last year. It is not a holiday for plumbers or painters.

Some building crafts have the holiday and others do not. Union members are urged to check with their union offices if in doubt.

Butchers, retail clerks, and a few other miscellaneous crafts have the holiday also. Here again, union officers should be asked if there is any doubt.

Clark Attends S.F. Conference

A. J. Clark, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas, was in San Francisco last weekend for the important workmen's compensation conference, called by the State Federation of Labor. He will report to the council at this Friday night's meeting.

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CARPENTERS: PLEASE NOTE

(Editor's Note: The following news release in regard to the Carpenters Health and Welfare Plan was submitted for publication by the business agent of the local Carpenters Union. All carpenters are urged to clip out this item for future reference.)

Carpenters who have been insured and who do not work the required number of hours under the Carpenters Health and Welfare Program are still eligible to continue Blue Cross protection, according to the Carpenters Trust Fund Office.

When a carpenter's protection ceases under the Welfare Program, because he has not worked the required number of hours, the Fund Office will send him a notice.

The carpenter may then continue with the Carpenter's Blue Cross Plan by paying \$6.50 per month directly to Blue Cross for a period up to six months. The benefits during this period will be identical to the benefits received by other carpenters. The only difference is that the carpenter pays Blue Cross directly for his dues rather than having the dues paid for by the Trust Fund Office.

If, after making six monthly payments, a carpenter has not then worked the necessary number of hours to qualify for benefits, he will receive a notice from Blue Cross outlining the type of coverage he will receive under the Blue Cross Direct Payment Program.

LABOR COUNCIL REPORTS

First February meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union of Salinas was chiefly routine, according to Secretary A. J. Clark. Some of the high spots were:

Acceptance of credentials for new delegates including R. Mitchell, J. P. Linden and Frank Daley, of Sugar Workers Union 20616; Wm. H. Eakin, of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355; Al Nichols and Jim Butler, of Barbers Union 827.

The council's Scholarship Committee advised the council that students have been notified of the council scholarship offer and considerable interest has been shown.

Impending merger of Dry Cleaners Union 258-B with San Jose Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union 33 was announced. Local 258-B has reached a tentative agreement on a new contract.

R. A. Wood, former council president, reported on attendance at a meeting of the American Heritage Assn., which is pressing its Crusade for Freedom plan.

Janet Barber, delegate to the governing board of the Rescue Mission, reported that mission property is to be improved shortly.

Carp. Agents At S.F. Meet

Business agents of carpenter unions in this area were called to San Francisco last week for a special meeting on contract and other matters.

Making the trip were Tom Eide, president of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters and business agent of Monterey Local 1323; Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Local 925; Mike Craner, business agent of Watsonville Local 771, and Sam Combs, business agent of Santa Cruz Local 829.

Prison Agrees To Limit Work As Unions Ask

Unions in the Salinas area received word last week from Bert O. Webb, warden at the state medium security prison at Soledad, that he will disapprove requests for extra jobs by prison employees, as suggested by the Monterey County Central Labor Council and General Teamsters Union 890.

The warden agreed to the union suggestion that full-time workers were adding to the unemployment picture when allowed to take part-time work which otherwise might go to some unemployed persons.

He wrote Secy. A. J. Clark of the labor council that the prison is taking steps to disapprove requests for employees to work at extra jobs in their time off, "providing the acceptance of these jobs will deprive any other individual from obtaining employment."

The labor council and the Teamsters Union wrote letters, protesting part-time work on outside jobs by full-time employees, to the state prison, Fort Ord, the county supervisors, and all cities.

Commanding General R. B. McClure of Fort Ord said work permits will be denied if the work would "impair efficiency in government jobs," adding that where such inefficiency is noted, action will be taken to have employees discontinue their private employment. The same letter went to Teamsters Union 890.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from the county supervisors, Clark added.

None of the cities had as yet answered the labor request, it was reported.

School Projects Promise Better Employment Due

Announcement last week that contracts have been awarded for two major school projects, one in Salinas and the other in Pacific Grove, was welcome news to union officials harried by unemployment in union ranks.

Contractor George W. Davis of Watsonville received the award to erect 10 new classrooms at the El Gabilan School in Salinas, while Salinas Contractor F. V. Hampshire was awarded contract for the Pacific Grove school project, Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, reported.

The school projects are expected to be started as soon as weather permits and to continue for about eight months.

Wray D. Emple, business agent for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, said he has been informed that Goheen Construction Co. is making plans to build more than 100 cottages on a tract north of Salinas, work which also will help alleviate the unemployment situation as soon as construction begins.

Current employment was reported poor with many union workers idle. Some of the jobs

underway, listed by Emple, include:

Fence erection along Highway 101, by the Kern Fence Co. of Bakersfield, the firm signing the Laborers Welfare Plan Agreement upon coming to Salinas.

Concrete pour starting on a bridge job near Bradley, by Boes Construction Co. of Berkeley.

Two pipe projects near Hollister, by Robinson Pipe Line Co. of Avenal and MGM Construction Co. of Concord, both delayed by weather, however.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. Herbert Ridgway, 224 Abbott St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec. D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec. Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead, Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 4-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller. Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Elide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Secy.-Treas., Leo Thilgten, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark. Office in Glikberg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 787.

DRY-CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St., Fin. Sec., Claudia Starn, Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday, Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Isell, office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec. Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville, 5613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. E. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4455; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight, office, Room 18, Glikberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall. Pres., Carl G. Jones. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Emple, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph 1-6262; Sec. and B. A. Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson Salinas ph 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 256—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Sewles, 1314 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA 1-2224. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate. Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0885.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393.

PAINTERS 1102—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Ole Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 11304 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln. Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B. A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2564.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 593—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini. Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assistants Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months; Monterey, 2nd months; Pres., Merrin E. Tierney, 219 4th St., P.G. Sec.-Treas., Robt. Lovejoy, 1366 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 205 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 224 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 3-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson. Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

How Slums Pay Off

(While millions live in slums, many buildings trades workers who could be constructing new low-cost housing projects are unemployed. The last session of Congress severely slashed earlier plans for government slum clearance and low-rent housing construction. The following editorial from the December issue of The Catering Employee gives an idea of what's behind this situation.)

A few weeks ago the nation was shocked by news of a tenement fire on Chicago's jam-packed South Side. When the embers of this slum firetrap had cooled, rescuers turned up 18 bodies.

During a coroner's inquest into the tragedy the economics of the slums were revealed in plain figures: this landlord was collecting \$6,300 a year in rent on a property appraised at \$19,000—a 33 per cent return on the appraised value.

This rate of profit is all the explanation anyone needs to understand why the real estate lobby wants to kill off public housing projects which would tend to draw tenants out of the firetraps.

It also helps explain why landlords don't make improvements in slum properties: when slum flats are in such demand (because decent low-cost homes aren't to be found since private builders won't build them and won't let government build them)—there's no "need" to make them more livable.

Low-income families, including many employed in our industry, and Negro, Puerto Rican and other minorities regardless of income, have no choice but the firetraps.

What can be done? We can vote out of Congress those who favor the firetrap system of housing, and put in their places men and women who will give us the thousands of low-cost housing units our nation needs!

NLRB Cases Rise In Last Quarter

Unfair labor practice cases filed in the last three months of 1953 totaled 1340, including 1043 filed against employers and 297 against unions. The NLRB also asked 15 court injunctions against unions.

At the end of December, 566 cases were awaiting decision by NLRB members, as compared to 400 in September 1953. Cases waiting for action at various levels in NLRB procedure totaled 3957. Unfair labor practice charges were involved in 2502 of these, elections in 1450, and decertification in 5.

The total output of United Kingdom shipyards in 1953 was 1,344,115 tons gross, an increase of 12,737 tons over 1952.

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BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Secy.-Treas., Robt. F. Armstrong, Office at 313, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thilgten, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Elide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Mrs. Nora Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, phone 2-4231; Sec. Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Emil Kouba, 231 Lobos, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1873.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove, Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroot, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agt. LeRoy Hasty, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Tony Alves, 492 Webster, phone 5-5869; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbricht, 509 Granite, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5154; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 919 Cypress, Seaside, phone 4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman St., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

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LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Holt; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey. Office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis E. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster. Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250 Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 27758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow Salinas, phone 2-3682.

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Meany Protests Stacked Committee On Jobless Pay

Washington (LPA)—Make-up a committee named to examine problems in the administration of unemployment compensation was protested by AFL President George Meany, who charged it is stacked with big business representatives.

The 10-man group is headed by Clarence A. Jackson, president of the American United Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis, and other members come from US Steel Corp., General Electric, General Motors, Standard Oil of California, and the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Jackson, Meany said, "has long been associated with efforts to destroy the federal-state character" of the unemployment insurance program.

Lone labor representative on the committee, George A. Haberman, president of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, announced his resignation Jan. 13 because "it would seem my name was placed there as a stop-gap to criticism."

That left Robert C. Goodwin, director of the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security, as the only remaining committee member sympathetic to the basic aims of the program, the AFL said. Other members are Rep. Noah M. Mason (R, Ill) and Weldon Hart, administrator of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Division. Meany pointed out that Mason has introduced a bill "which prejudices the existing principle of financing unemployment compensation and the role of the federal government in its administration."

Meany told Clarence E. Manion, chairman of the Commission of Interior-Government Relations, who announced the appointments two days previously: "The number of unemployed persons has risen sharply in the past two months. Our unemployment compensation program may well be confronted with the most severe test it has faced since its inception. To serve its purpose in our economy, the program should merit and have public confidence."

"The selection of members of this committee without regard to the interest of the public in the operation of the program with a majority known to be opposed to its basic principles can only undermine such confidence. There is a real need for a careful study of the programs designed to meet the problem of unemployment. If your commission desires to undertake a constructive analysis of these problems, I submit that you will recognize the necessity of reconstituting the membership of the study committee so as to provide adequate representation of the public's interest and that of the workers for whose protection the program was designed."

Make your union stronger!

Culinary Urges TB X-rays; Sets Blood Bank Plan

Salinas culinary workers, members of Hotel-Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 355, were asked last week to participate in the current program against tuberculosis by having chest x-rays at once.

Secretary A. J. Clark of Local 355 said all food handlers should be x-rayed and that the mobile x-ray unit will be stationed at the Health Department, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The union is recommending the tuberculosis control program and has pledged assistance.

Local 355 is arranged also to set up a Blood Bank for its membership, Clark added. The program is to be set up through the American Red Cross and members will donate blood to the Red Cross mobile unit when in Salinas.

Details on the Blood Bank plan will be announced later but all members are asked to remember if they donate blood in the future to have the attendant credit the donation to Hotel & Restaurant Employees & Bartenders Union 355.

NO FUND REPORT ON HEART DANCE

Officials of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, which sponsored a benefit dance Feb. 6 for the American Heart Assn. fund campaign, had no report last week-end as to net proceeds realized from the affair.

All ticket sales had not been reported and no estimate was available on the amount to be turned over to the fund. A good crowd enjoyed the dance, it was said.

Laverne Walter, office secretary for Culinary-Bartenders Union 493 for several years, has resigned and has moved with her husband to Campbell. Her successor in the union office is Jayne French, who will work with Sonya DuGarden, office manager for the union.

Baseball League Meeting Slated

Officials and team managers for the Salinas Valley Baseball League will meet at Bob's Place in Greenfield this Thursday evening to outline possibilities for a League play this season, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary. Butler also is secretary of Barbers Union 827.

Last year's Valley League teams were Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, King City and San Ardo. Effect of the entry of an official Salinas team in the California State League will be discussed at the Valley League meeting also, Butler said.

Barber ex-Pres. Has Operation

Lewis Conine, former president of Salinas Barbers Union 827, underwent an operation early last week and is reportedly recuperating at his home, 37 Geil St., according to Union Secretary Jimmie Butler.

Conine has asked his friends to visit him, as has Al Tittle, another member of Local 827, who has left the hospital after a lengthy recuperation there and is now at home, 111 N. First St.

Court Bars R. R. Hedge

Chicago (LPA)—A court maneuver by the nation's railroads to block 15 "non-operating" unions with 1,000,000 members from bargaining on health and welfare demands failed Feb. 4 when U.S. District Judge Wynn Knoch rejected their plea for a ruling to back their stand.

The unions are seeking life insurance equalling a year's pay with a \$3500 minimum and hospital-medical-surgical benefits for employees and their families.

These and other demands were being heard before a three



JOBLESS RISE PROMPTS 7-POINT AFL PLAN TO BOOST BUYING POWER

Miami. — Seven steps for immediate government action were urged by the AFL Executive Council to remedy an increasingly serious economic situation. The council program was set forth as a means of maintaining "our economy as a prosperous, going concern."

The seven-point program follows:

"1—Prompt increase in the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act to \$1.25 per hour and extension of coverage of the law to the workers now exempt.

"It is disappointing that the President's recommendations for increase in the minimum wage have failed to materialize. The archaic economic views expressed on the subject in his economic report reveal that he has relied on the advice of persons having only a remote knowledge of the role of the minimum wage in a modern competitive economy. There is clear evidence that the increase we recommend is economically feasible and urgently, necessary at this time.

"2—The unemployment insurance system must be generally strengthened without delay to increase the amount and duration of benefits, with benefits geared to wage-loss rather than a needs concept. Unjustified eligibility and disqualification restrictions should be removed from the administration of unemployment insurance laws and coverage extended. State legislatures not meeting this year should convene in special sessions to act on needed changes.

"3—Adequate provision should be made to wipe out the great deficiencies in educational, health and welfare facilities and services and to strengthen natural resource development and conservation.

"In the drive for economy, government aids and services essential to the national welfare have been too often sacrificed or ignored.

"4—Funds should be made available to launch without delay a program of socially useful public works with federal grants and loans available to states and municipalities in need of such assistance and federal projects directly undertaken where appropriate.

"5—Aids for housing low- and middle-income families, slum clearance and urban redevelopment should be far more advanced in size and character than proposed in the special message on housing.

"6—General tax reductions must not be put ahead of the Federal government's responsibility to maintain stability and strength of our economy. When the budgetary situation permits, priority must be given to tax relief for those with taxable income of under \$2,000.

"The so-called 'technical revisions' recently proposed overwhelmingly favor the well-to-do and the business community with tax easements. We ask that preferential tax treatment accorded to these favored groups be rejected and that instead, the numerous and costly tax escape devices be eliminated.

"7—Full effect should be given to the Employment Act of 1946, requiring the Federal government to mobilize all its resources to promote conditions which afford 'useful employment opportunities for those able, willing, and seeking to work, and to promote maximum employment, production and purchasing power.'

"The Council of Economic Advisors has not discharged its full responsibility required by this Act."

Second Big Can Firm Accepts Union Terms

New York (LPA) — After a 42-day strike by CIO Steelworkers, American Can Co. settled on the same terms, including a 15-cent package increase, agreed to by Continental Can a week earlier.

American employs 20,000 Steelworkers in plants throughout the U.S. and Canada; Continental 14,500. Before the strike, the companies' best offer was 10 1/2 cents, and the union also gained other benefits, including severance pay and a job-evaluation program at which the firms had balked.

The package includes 8 1/2 cents retroactive to Oct. 1, and 3 cents toward cutting sex and geographical differentials Feb. 1 and another 2 cents for that purpose next Oct. 1. Agreements run to Oct. 1, 1955, but the wage question may be reopened this Oct. 1, with the workers retaining the right to strike.

230,000 TO DIE IN '54 OF CANCER

Today man's cruellest enemy is cancer. Ranking second as a killer of men, according to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that some 230,000 Americans will die of cancer in 1954. This will include many children because cancer kills more children between the ages of three and fifteen than any other disease.

NUMBER SAVED CAN BE DOUBLED

This ominous forecast could be considerably brighter even with our present knowledge about cancer if more people knew what to do to help themselves. The American Cancer Society stresses that the 73,000 people who were saved from cancer in 1953 were only half the number that could have been saved if more people had paid attention to the seven danger signals that might mean cancer and gone to their doctors in time.

Of the major diseases afflicting mankind, cancer is unique for the following three reasons:

- 1—It is almost always fatal if untreated.
- 2—The factor of time is of critical importance in the treatment of cancer.
- 3—Its early signs are frequently indistinguishable from minor complaints that afflict everyone from time to time.

Meany Urges Public To Join in Fight On Runaway Shops

Norwalk, Conn. (LPA) — AFL President George Meany has appealed to the American public to rally to the support of 1500 AFL Hatters who are on strike here to keep a major hat firm from running away to the South.

In the present strike, he said, the Hatters have paid a million dollars in benefits to members fighting to preserve their jobs from destruction by an employer who has "stubbornly refused to renew a contract clause prohibiting any further diversion of work from Norwalk."

Pointing out that the lure of cheap, non-union labor is the main reason for business movement to the South, Meany declared "This is the road back to the sweatshop, back to the exploitation of child labor, back to the 60-hour week, back to poverty and misery and hard times."

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TAXAGRAM

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And How!

In 1951 Congress made a number of changes in excise tax rates, increasing some and reducing others. The net effect of the changes was to increase revenue from excise taxes by \$1 billion yearly. The principal increases in rates were as follows:

- Cigarettes from 7 cents to 8 cents per pack.
- Distilled spirits from \$9 to \$10.50 per gallon.
- Fermented malt liquor from \$8 to \$9 per barrel.
- Wines from 12 1/2 percent to 20 percent per gallon increase in specific tax.
- Automobiles from 7 percent to 10 percent.
- Trucks and busses from 5 percent to 8 percent.
- Parts and accessories from 5 percent to 8 percent.
- Gasoline from 1 1/2 cents to 2 cents per gallon.

At the time Congress adopted these higher rates in 1951, it provided that they should expire on April 1, 1954. President Eisenhower has gone on record against allowing the reductions to go through as scheduled. Chairman Reed has stated his committee will make its recommendations on excise taxes after it has concluded action on the "technical revisions bill."

"UNION BUSTER" BEESON

CIO President Walter P. Reuther said of the Beeson appointment that it would leave NLRB "completely under industry domination."

Woodruff Randolph, president of the I.T.U., accused Beeson of "incompetency and extreme prejudice."

John L. Lewis telegraphed the Senate Labor Committee that Beeson has a "vengeful attitude toward labor which borders upon hysterical malignancy."

Beeson says of himself: "Now, you could say, if you like, that I was a union-buster."

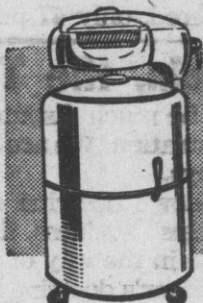
If Beeson's appointment is confirmed by the Senate he will be the third GOP member of the five-man board created by the Taft-Hartley Act. These three men are birds of an anti-union feather. His confirmation would be a catastrophe for labor.

Labor, by quick action, did kill off Eisenhower's proposal for government-sponsored strike votes, or so it seems at this writing. We can also kill the Beeson appointment!

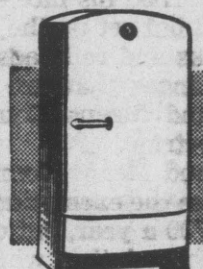
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Now Is the Time

Now is the time for local unions and city central bodies to make plans for 1954 to better the low registration and voting figures compiled throughout the U.S. in the last off-year—or non-Presidential year—elections.

Of the 96.8 million American citizens who were old enough to vote in 1950—the last off-year elections were held—only 42 per cent cast their ballots for House members. Only 72 per cent of the potential voters registered to vote, and only 58 per cent of the registered voters actually went to the polls.

In Senate races that year, 34 per cent of the adult population in the 33 states holding elections were registered to vote. Of those registered, only 47 per cent actually voted.

Again, the Trickle-Down

There can't be much dispute about the philosophy of the present administration. We are once again in the hands of the trickle-down boys.

The trickle-down doctrine of prosperity says that if the government "helps" business, then business will pass on benefits to the people in the way of wages and employment. That was Herbert Hoover's doctrine in the Great Depression, when he steadfastly turned his face against direct federal relief of the unemployed but set up the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to bail out banks and railroads.

The tax changes that are now being approved by the House Ways and Means Committee are products of the trickle-down doctrine.

The Ways and Means Committee refuses to vote a "reform" to increase the exemption rate for individual taxpayers from \$600 to \$700 a year, but corporations are to be allowed "accelerated" depreciation, which means that they can write off the costs of new equipment and thus reduce their income taxes.

Double Talk

It is hard to understand President Eisenhower's thinking regarding his refusal to support a rise in the 75-cent-an-hour minimum wage.

In his economic message to Congress, the President said the American economy is "highly prosperous." But he turns right around and refuses to recommend an increase in minimum wages until the economy can take it "in stride." He said he will make later recommendations "at the proper time."

Last November Secretary of Labor James Mitchell said: "One of the first things to which I want to devote myself . . . is repairing and raising the floor which we want under our national wage structure. I consider our minimum wage statute to be a great bulwark against substandards of living. It is badly in need of shoring up."

What happened?

"We affirm the trade union movement to be the legitimate channel through which wage earners of America are seeking amelioration and future emancipation."—Sam Gompers.

"The trade union movement is as wide and deep as human life."—Sam Gompers.

"The labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce."—Sam Gompers.

A successful person is one who can sell experience for less than it cost him.



By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters,
Local 890

Did you ever go to the bank and make a deposit by just throwing your money on the counter and walking off?—just trust to luck that the teller would be able to credit your account, and no other, with your deposit. Ridiculous, isn't it? No person in his right mind, you say, would do such a thing.

Yet, there are thousands of persons who do exactly that. Not at the bank, certainly, but in another situation important to themselves and their families. We mean, their Social Security Accounts.

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Your employer is required by law to send in regular reports of your earnings showing your name, and your Social Security account number. If this information is wrong, your account will be wrong. And if your account is wrong, you and your family may not get all the Social Security benefits you should be entitled to.

Don't be like the careless bank depositor. Make sure your Social Security account is correct.

For further information on these or any other points regarding your Social Security, get in touch with the Social Security Field Office located at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

CORP. DIVIDENDS UP 2½% OVER 1952

Washington (LPA)—In spite of "ruinous taxation" and a gimmick, corporation dividends in 1953 were \$8.55 billion, as a whole 2½ per cent over 1952, setting an all-time high, and ranging as much as 13 per cent higher for some industries. And all this although most industrial groups passed up a December dividend, delaying payment until January so it would be taxed at a lower rate.



Richard J. Gray, right, president of AFL Building Trades Dept. is shown going over matters to be brought before a meeting of the Department with Joseph Keenan, dept. secy.-treas., during winter AFL Council meeting in Miami.

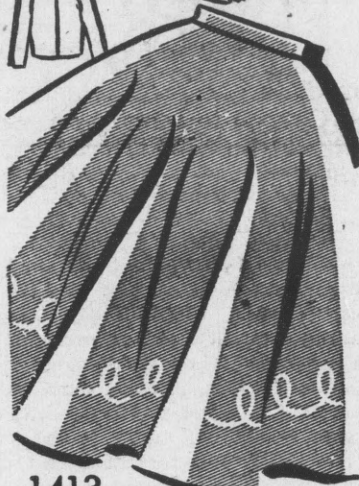
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Jokes, Etc.

Diet: Something to take the starch out of you.

People who say they sleep like a baby usually haven't got one.

Attendant: "What's the matter, sir?"

Customer: "I have so many gas-saving appliances on my car that the tank keeps overflowing."

Doctor: "Well, well, you're coughing much easier this morning."

Patient: "Why shouldn't I, I've been practicing all night."

Tourist: "So you really think Yarmouth is a healthy place in which to live?"

Native: "Healthy! Why, mister, we cure herring here after they're dead."

A teacher played the "Star Spangled Banner" and asked the class to identify it. "That's easy," shouted one youngster. "It's what they play ever Friday on TV just before the fights."

"A year ago," said Jones, "I had enough money to choke a horse."

"What happened?" asked Smith. "I made an error," replied Jones. "Instead of choking a horse I bet on one."

A delicatessen store displayed a sign reading:

"We make every kind of sandwich in the world."

A joker appeared one evening and ordered a whale sandwich, but that didn't faze the proprietor.

"Nothing doing," he said. "I'll be hornswoggled if I'll cut up a whale for just one sandwich."

A long suffering husband was moaning about the bills.

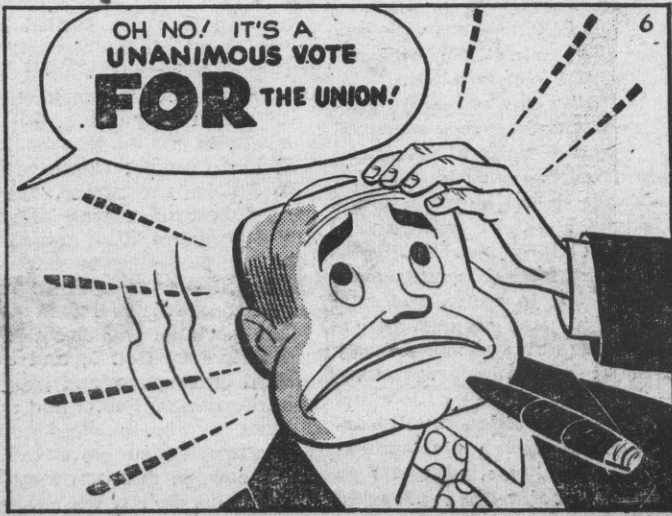
"Ruth," he said to his wife, "you promised me that you wouldn't buy a new dress. Why did you do it?"

"Dear," she answered, "the devil tempted me."

"Well," he retorted, "you should have said: 'Get thee behind me Satan.'"

"I did," she replied sweetly, "and then he whispered over my shoulder: 'My dear, it fits you beautifully in the back.'"

"UNION MAID" —A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

LATEST T-H RULING UNDERMINES THE VERY BASIS OF UNIONIZATION; DESIRE TO IMPROVE BY ORGANIZING

Washington (LNS) — Labor and management were attempting today to judge the impact of an important Supreme Court decision ruling that under the Taft-Hartley Act an employer's observance of a union's internal rules and by-laws could constitute an unfair labor practice by the union.

Labor lawyers noted that the court's decision was not an overall ruling but applied only the three cases involved, and that given a slightly different set of facts the situation might be different.

But they were of the general opinion that the ruling was a setback to peaceful relations insofar as employers and unions attempting to work out the various problems facing them are concerned.

"WITHOUT PROOF"

In a 7 to 2 decision — Justices Douglas and Black dissenting — the court held that the T-H provision that an employer may not "encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization" by discrimination or employment practices was violated in two of the three cases because the employer observed the union's own rules at the "instigation of the union."

Justice Reed, for the majority, ruled that the unions had forced the employer to discriminate against his employees. He noted also that an unfair labor practice can occur even without "proof" that the employer intended to encourage union membership.

Black and Douglas maintained that the section of T-H involved in the case did not forbid all discrimination but limited an employer in any action "to encourage or discourage" union membership.

Black wrote that the court's interpretation in one of the cases "imputes guilt to an employer for conduct which Congress did not wish to outlaw."

Three cases were involved in the decision. In one the AFL Teamsters reduced the seniority of Frank Boston on the hiring list of Byers Transportation Co. in Kansas City because Boston was delinquent in paying his union dues. The union's action caused Boston to lose job opportunities he would otherwise have had.

The NLRB ruled the union had no right to take such action and ordered the Teamsters' local to notify the company it was withdrawing its request for the senior-

ity reduction. The lower courts sided with the union, but were reversed by the Supreme Court.

In the second case, the A. H. Bull Steamship Company denied a job to William C. Fowler at the request of the AFL Radio Officers Union because he had not cleared through the union hiring hall before taking a job. The NLRB ordered the union to desist and was upheld by both the lower courts and the Supreme Court.

ATTACKS DESIRE TO IMPROVE

In the third case, the Gaynor News Co. on its own granted retroactive wage increases and vacation payments to employees who were members of the Mail Deliverers' Union of New York and Vicinity, but not to non-union employees.

The firm denied its action was intended to encourage union membership, but the lower courts and Supreme Court upheld the NLRB in its contention that motive was not important, since the effect was to encourage union membership.

The court noted that "it is common experience that the desire of employees to unionize is raised or lowered by the advantages thought to be attained by such action."

Union discipline of members by job discrimination, the court said, shows both members and non-members how strong the union is and how desirable it is to be and remain a member in good standing. Taft-Hartley forbids job discrimination that has this effect, it said.

MORSE JOGS IKE ON UNEMPLOYMENT

"I refuse," U.S. Sen. Wayne Morse declared recently, "to accept the false notion that America must have periods of unemployment. You can have full employment during the transition from a shooting war economy to a peacetime economy if government recognizes its responsibility for providing checks and balances on the economy."

New Film Strip on Health & Welfare Is Now Available

Chicago. — A new sound film strip in color, for use by unions in explaining health and welfare plans, has been developed by Roosevelt College's labor education division. Strips require only projector and a record-player for operation.

VARIOUS PLANS COVERED

Unions which don't have a record player can use the film strips with a script to be read by discussion leaders.

The latest film strip, "In Pursuit of Health," tells the story of a union member named Joe, who learns when illness hits his family that his union's health plan covers the breadwinner only.

He goes to his union seeking an improved health and welfare clause. The story explains thoroughly the various kinds of health plans—commercial insurance, Blue Cross, community and union health centers.

"In Pursuit of Health" is actually two strips, each 15 minutes long, accompanied by a long-playing record transcription.

Copies may be obtained from, Roosevelt College Labor Education Division, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, for \$5 plus shipping costs.

Meany Says AFL Goal Is End of Discrimination

"One man's slavery is a threat to the freedom of every other human being," George Meany, AFL president, declared in a special Labor Reports reprint, published at 25 E. 78th St., New York 21, N. Y.

"We in the labor movement have learned from bitter experience that the fight for human rights is not one that can be won by lip service alone.

"It requires hard work, constant vigilance against new forms of discrimination and, above all, an unflinching determination to practice what we preach.

EQUALITY IS AFL AIM

"It is right and proper that we pass resolutions and write letters to Congressmen demanding the passage of civil rights legislation. On the other hand, it is equally important that each of us put our own house in order and keep it so.

"We in the AFL will not be satisfied until all of our members—regardless of race, creed or color—have won equal rights, equal job opportunities and complete freedom from any form of discrimination. The AFL is uncompromisingly committed to the enactment of federal, state and local fair employment practices laws; we will work, together with all other liberal forces in the community, for equality in education, housing, health and welfare services."

Ike to Recommend Higher Minimum Wage "At Proper Time"

Washington (LPA) — President Eisenhower will recommend "at the proper time," an increase in the minimum wage and extension of coverage, he told Congress in his economic message Jan. 28. But he did not say when, or how much, for how many.

The present legal minimum is 75 cents, and applies to 24 million workers.

There were reports that Labor Secretary Mitchell and some other Administration officials had tried to persuade the President to be specific, but that Arthur Burns, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers had insisted on waiting because of the current "readjustment" in the economy.

"I DID IT WITH MY LITTLE HATCHET"



NOONAN-CALIF. STATE FED. OF LABOR

POST OFFICE CLERKS URGE END TO POLITICS IN PROMOTIONS

Washington (LPA) — The AFL National Federation of Post Office Clerks is out to remove "politics" from the promotion of career Post Office employees. And by politics, its legislative representative told a Senate committee, it means "not only party politics, but also the far more vicious personal and intra-office politics."

While there's been much talk of politics in the appointment of postmasters, its ill effects are far more frequently in promotions, said E. C. Hallbeck, and the point of promotion "is the spot where favoritism and inefficiency begin and morale declines. Nothing is so discouraging to an individual as to see the position for which he possesses all of the requisite qualifications given to someone whose only qualifications are family relationship or influential position."

Hallbeck placed the 115,000-member union as strongly supporting the principles of a bill which would make Post Office promotions to supervisory grades dependent on written examinations and seniority.

URGES WRITTEN EXAMS

A regulation changing the promotion procedure, recently put in effect by the Post Office Department, should result in a better calibre of employees being selected for supervisory positions, he said, but the union's experience has been that administrative rules "can rather easily be avoided when there is a will to do so."

Urging the standards for selection of supervisory employees be based on "a combination of written examination and seniority," Hallbeck declared: "In virtually all instances, the senior employees have demonstrated not only an interest in the work of the Post Office but the ability to qualify on difficult distribution schemes, master the proper technique for the receipt and dispatch of mail, or in the case of those assigned to financial work, successfully assume important financial responsibilities."

"It is proper, therefore, that the ability to maintain a high standard of efficiency over the years be considered in making supervisory promotions."

He emphasized that not only are promotional tests common now in many state and municipal governments, but the U. S. Civil Service Commission has developed "a very satisfactory examination which is given for the selection of junior executives. Examinations of this type are no longer in the experimental state. I can think of no reason why they should not prove advantageous in the field of postal service."

Hear Frank Edwards!

Wage-Hour Laws Still Lack Teeth, U.S. Survey Shows

Washington — The enlightened management of 1953 still found it more profitable to break than abide by federal laws covering wages and working conditions.

A Labor Department report revealed here that violations of federal wage and hour laws were widespread during the year. Of the employers investigated, 95 per cent failed to comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, which regulates labor standards on government construction projects; 51 per cent failed to pay proper overtime, and 18 per cent violated minimum wage laws.

FINES TOTAL MILLIONS

There were 38,649 non-farm establishments subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act and Walsh-Healey Act investigated. Investigators found \$16,652,697 owed in back wages by 20,583 employers.

During the year the government filed 935 criminal and civil suits and obtained 675 injunctions. Courts levied fines totaling \$112,207.47.

Guaranteed Annual Pay "Encourages Idleness," Says Bethlehem Chief

New York (LPA) — The guaranteed annual wage, which is one of the demands the CIO Steelworkers will make on the steel industry in upcoming negotiations, "would encourage idleness," according to Eugene C. Grace, Bethlehem board chairman.

GAW, said Grace, "is really a compensation for unemployment." He said it would be "highly discriminatory... a few people would profit at the expense of all the rest, and above all, it would encourage idleness."

Bethlehem Steel set records in 1953 for net profits, sales, output and shipments. Net profits were \$139.9 million against \$90.0 million in strike-bound 1952; and per share earnings were \$13.30 versus \$8.80. The directors doubled and dividend from \$1 to \$2, for the first quarter of 1954.

Labor Leaders



AFL Pres. Geo. Meany and Secy. of Labor James Mitchell got together at the annual winter AFL Executive Council meeting in Miami, Florida, to discuss labor problems.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
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TEACHER TALKS BACK—BUT NOT IN ORGANIZATION WITH OTHERS

In *Coronet* magazine for February there is an article by ex-teacher H. Frederika Allen entitled, "Teacher Talks Back," telling why, after six years of teaching, she is disgusted with the job and is going into some other line of work. She doesn't say what other kind of work she is changing to; maybe it will be work which is unionized.

It is an interesting article and would not be printed if it appeared to be only one individual's point of view. From her absence of any reference to teacher organization it seems evident that Miss Allen has been a non-union teacher. Her complaints about her teaching experiences are as follows:

1. She says that many children are not used to discipline at home and when they misbehave at school, the school administrators in fear of paternal reaction do not dare to give them the firm treatment they should have.

2. She states that many parents are not much interested in what their children learn so long as they receive good grades.

3. She says that schools are criticized for not teaching children morals and conduct but are afraid to do much along this line for fear of parental criticism.

4. Finally, says Miss Allen, the schools commonly handle extra-curricular activities in such a way as to put forward the children of the socially elite while keeping in the background the children from poorer homes.

Are the lady's complaints justified? Are conditions she complains of so general that she ought to give up teaching as just a lousy job?

At present there is reported to be in the United States an elementary teacher shortage of 118,000 and a growing teacher shortage in high schools as well. Why? It is not just a matter of pay, as many people suppose.

If Miss Allen and a majority of teachers in the schools where she worked had got together and applied for a charter in the American Federation of Teachers, they could have dared to literally talk back in a constructive way which

might have led to a correction of the conditions she objected to. At least there would then have been a chance for remedying the bad conditions.

At present in our non-union schools where there are teacher grievances these are usually complained of secretly; eventually many teachers most affected quit the occupation rather than continue in frustration, unable to help improve conditions. Don't think that non-union teachers can't complain—they can, they do, and how! Only their negative complaining in private is done in such a way that it doesn't help correct bad conditions where these exist.

Collectively, taking teachers as a whole, the writer believes that they get every bit as good treatment as they deserve. As long as non-unionists are willing to go along on a "everyone for himself and let the devil take the hindmost" basis, then they must learn by the hard way of the wisdom of cooperation, the lesson of trade unionism.

Unfortunately while teachers are retardedly learning the value of trade unionism, the pupils suffer through the lack of progress in education which could be greatly accelerated by a strong, independent teachers' organization.

—FRED CLAYSON.

Bosses Stiffening On New Contracts, Meany Tells Labor

Miami Beach, Fla. (LPA)—Employers are showing a "stiffening attitude" in regard to union contracts, AFL President Meany told a press conference here Feb. 5. He said resistance is shown on money, security "and everything." This is due, he said, to the Taft-Hartley act and to growing unemployment.

The AFL executive Council, at its mid-winter meeting here, branded the Smith bill as "dismally short of what is needed to correct the imbalance of the Taft-Hartley Act to make it fair to both sides."

The bill solves no major T-H problems, and creates difficulties, with the government-conducted strike vote cutting at the very heart of free labor in America, the Council said.

The Council called for restoring the right to let employers and unions agree to union security arrangements, ending the government injunction power, removing provisions which "unnecessarily interfere" with collective bargaining, and removing exemptions denying farm workers and others full rights under the law.

Your union is as democratic as you make it—Attend meetings.

Explosive Tools—YOU MUST BE TRAINED!

In 1950 the State Safety Division, with the help of labor, management, manufacturing, and other groups, prepared standards for the safe use of explosive-powered tools, which rely upon explosive force from powder cartridges to drive steel studs or pins into concrete or other materials. One of the standards called for specific training for operators of the tool, with possession of a certificate of competency (issued by an authorized representative of the manufacturer) indicating qualification.

These standards resulted in immediate and substantial improvement in 1951 and 1952, with no deaths and a sharp decline in injuries despite a tremendous increase in the number and use of explosive powered tools. However, 1953 has seen one fatality and a noticeable increase in injuries, and investigation revealed that the death involved a tool obtained from a rental agency, with the operator not qualified according to standards.

In view of this, a meeting to consider safety standards was called by the State Building Trades Council, with Division representatives attending. Many recommendations were made, some aimed at controlling the type and number of dealers and rental agencies handling such tools.

Meanwhile, the Division is insisting that every operator receive the training required by the standards, regardless where or how he obtains an explosive-powered tool.

AFL Scores Big Victory In Move for New Vote By N.Y. Longshoremen

New York (LPA)—The AFL scored a "tremendous victory" in its move to set aside the election among waterfront workers in the port of New York when a report to the National Labor Relations Board received Jan. 12 from its regional office here upheld AFL charges that the voting three weeks previously was held in "an atmosphere of organized fear, violence and intimidation."

In recommendations viewed as preliminary to an order invalidating the election which gave the AFL International Longshoremen's Association 1492 fewer votes than the old, ousted ILA, with 4399 challenged, Charles T. Douds, regional director here, called for hearings by the board on the AFL's demand for a new poll.

In the 115-page report, Douds and Benjamin B. Maumoff, chief NLRB field agent, said their investigation revealed "numerous incidents" around the polling places involving individuals "characterized by the New York police and the New York State Crime Commission as leading representatives of the criminal element which has invaded the waterfront" under the old ILA.

467,500 New Claims For Jobless Benefits In First Week of '54

Washington (LPA)—In the first week of 1954 the number of new claims filed by the jobless for unemployment compensation totaled 467,000. The number of jobless claiming benefits rose by 226,800 in the week ended Jan. 2.

The Labor Department reported that in the week ended Jan. 2 those claiming benefits came to 1,816,000, or 664,000 more than in the same week a year ago.

However, only 36 million of the nation's working force of more than 60 million are covered by the unemployment program. And the claims figure does not include those who have drawn all the benefits they are entitled to, but are still jobless.

Nor does the figure include those who are jobless but have not worked a specified period of time or earned a certain amount to become eligible for benefits.

CALIFORNIA LLPE PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION SET FOR APRIL 12

(Cal. LLPE Release)

AFL endorsements for the June 8 primary elections will be made April 12 in San Francisco when the California Labor League for Political Education holds its pre-primary election convention, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the state political unit.

The convention will be held in the Building Service Employees' Union Building, 240 Golden Gate Ave., in downtown San Francisco.

Business of the April session will be the endorsement of candidates for state and federal office.

On the state level, endorsements will be considered for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney General, and lesser constitutional positions such as Controller and Treasurer.

All 80 State Assembly seats will also be open for endorsement; and half of the 40 seats in the State Senate.

Federal posts up for balloting

include one of the U.S. Senate spots and all 30 Congressional jobs.

Each local union affiliated with the California LLPE is entitled to representation by one delegate, and convention voting strength of the unions will be based upon the average per capita tax paid into the state political organization in the 12 calendar month period extending from March 1, 1953 through Feb. 28, 1954.

The official convention call, together with necessary credential forms, will be issued later this month to affiliated unions, councils, and leagues.

VELDE HEARING LIES ABOUT AFL REFUTED IN STATEMENT

Alameda County Central Labor Council has endorsed unanimously the following statement prepared at the request of delegates, and ordered that it be submitted to the press of the area, with the request that it be published in full by the press or not at all, so that there could be no possible misunderstanding.

The spectacle of the House Committee on Un-American Activities just completed in San Francisco under chairmanship of Congressman Velde (Rep. Ill) compels the attention of every member of the AFL in Alameda County.

David Blodgett, who characterized himself as a self-confessed and self-reformed Communist was one of the principal voluntary witnesses of the Congressman. Part of his statements had to do with the 1946 general strike here. This witness—a former reporter for the Communist People's World—was reported by the local press as having insisted that an alleged local Communist committee "was responsible" for that strike.

The implication and inference in such statement is of course the obvious one that in 1946 the AFL unions here were either under the control, or were the dupes, of a hard shelled core of persons alleged by Blodgett to be Communists.

In either case the red smear of discredit is splashed upon the thousands of loyal citizens who comprise the AFL membership here—both rank and file and their chosen representatives. Hundreds of persons in business, government, and labor circles know that the statement of this self-confessed former Communist is a lie. They know it because they were personally familiar with the facts at the time.

REAL RECORD KNOWN

City and other Government officials at that time know their only dealings were with official representatives of the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council and local AFL unions involved in the direct dispute with Kahn's and Hastings. Civic leaders from employer groups likewise dealt only with such official AFL groups. That the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils within their own house gave initiation and termination to the strike in protest against the unwarranted and unconstitutional action of the Police Department is a matter of record not only of these bodies but in the public press at that time as well.

Clearly, the problem posed by Blodgett's statement is not one of marshalling facts to prove the lie. Rather the problem is what can one do to counteract and overcome the possible acceptance by many well meaning individuals of the lie as the truth. And this is the real problem presented in all such investigatory hearings, whether they be Velde's or McCarthy's or their counterparts.

MUST REFUTE LIES

Any attempt to cope with the

smear leaves one with an empty feeling of frustration.

Procedures to insure fair treatment of all concerned have been developed by society through long and often terrific experience. Yet, all these fundamental historic procedures to protect the reputation and livelihood of individuals are denied Americans today.

The Committee meets, its witnesses speak, the press reports, and the pieces are left behind to be mended by those hurt as best they can.

It is nevertheless the duty of a respected and established institution such as the AFL in Alameda County to speak up firmly in repudiation of the Blodgett lie and smear. Not to do so would be to encourage unscrupulous demagogues to go still farther in putting liars to work at their contemptible task of destroying the confidence of citizens in their fellow Americans.

There should and must be a better way to eradicate the Communist conspiracy than through the use of witnesses who as self-confessed Communists already bear the reputation of experts in the school of deceit and the lie, but who, nonetheless, are left immune, under the investigatory committee's orders, from questioning by those so glibly, though effectively, smeared.

THE GREAT THREAT

As victims of Blodgett's lying smear and Velde's uninhibited techniques, we can better appreciate and more vigorously concur in the view already proclaimed by men in high places and of unimpeachable integrity and loyalty. That view is that the shameless tactics of such investigatory committees are themselves the great threat at the present time to our cherished American Ideals, and that the sooner the irresponsible conduct of such committees is curbed, the better off we shall all be.

In any event, the loyal citizens who comprise our AFL unions can no longer afford to complacently accept what comes out of these committees' hearings at face value, either as to accuracy of the alleged statements of fact, or as to the virtue of motives of the witnesses or committee members.

—(Reprinted from East Bay Labor Journal, Issue of January 8, 1954).

INALIENABLE RIGHT

A young woman has an inalienable right to be courted. Authority for that statement came recently from the Oregon State Unemployment Compensation Commission, which evidently has a heart.

The Commission held that a girl who quit her job because its irregular hours prevented her from seeing much of her fiancé was quite justified in doing so. It awarded her unemployment compensation.

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What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

Last week I discussed one William A. Burkett, the appointee of Governor Knight as Director of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. I told you that he was drafted from big business, an ex-F.B.I. man. (You can believe me he is running that department like a sleuth.) Be that as it may, this choice of director of that important department was the greatest slap at labor by any chief executive of this state.

It now looks as though we are due to get another one from old "Goodie" Knight. Labor has had a champion as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission in Frank A. Lawrence. No man can point to any decisions in which he has not stood for labor's rights. On a great many occasions he has fought the other two members by dissenting opinions. More recently he has been the champion of organized labor as against the big insurance companies who have loaded their responsibilities on to the state. This is done by paying essential workers \$9.75 a week for injuries sustained while working.

Just think of it. These insurance companies expect a person who earns \$100 to \$150 a week during the season, who is injured by an employer, to then live on \$9.75 a week. For 26 weeks the state makes up the difference between this sum and \$30.00 a week. Meaning that the state pays \$20.25 for 26 weeks provided the person is disabled that long. The insurance companies are getting by and are laughing up their sleeves and making the state carry the burden.

This is only the half of it. I can best illustrate just exactly what takes place when a woman working on a machine in a cannery, loses three fingers of her hand, and because of this radical decision by the Commission sustaining the insurance company, for the rest of her life this woman, no matter what kind of job she may be able to get, instead of receiving

\$7200.00 got an award of \$2300.00. This \$2300.00 was to compensate her for the loss of those three fingers, practically the use of the entire hand for the rest of her life.

To the credit of Frank Lawrence, labor's representative, he has taken the humane attitude and the humane slant on a most worthy piece of social legislation and dissented against this \$9.75 weekly award so prevalent in seasonal workers injury cases. Frank Lawrence's term of office has now expired and from day to day he lives literally in the shadow of the axe for the Governor has not reappointed Frank Lawrence in spite of the tremendous labor support on his behalf. Just when we will get another Burkett to fill the shoes of Frank Lawrence is presumably in the offing.

To Goodwin Knight I say this: It is about time that the Governor took into consideration that labor has and is entitled to some consideration; that it takes time for a Labor Commissioner to become accustomed to the workings of the Industrial Accident Commission and to change now would be another shaft shot into the very heart of organized labor.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT: This is the year of selection and election. Know your candidates. I am sure that if organized labor exercises its prerogative and casts its vote for only its friends, labor will obtain justice.

AFL ASSAILS EISENHOWER ON LABOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Miami Beach, Fla. — The AFL accused the Eisenhower Administration today of changing the "political complexion" of the National Labor Relations Board to produce

a reversal policy favoring employers.

The labor group's executive council, concluding a 10-day strategy meeting, also accused the "new" NLRB of ceding some Federal jurisdiction to States, threatening serious interference with union rights.

The statement noted that two new NLRB members including Chairman Guy Farmer have taken office during the administration of President Eisenhower and that a third is awaiting Senate confirmation.

Besides, Farmer, Phillip Ray Rodgers has become a member of the board during the new administration and Albert C. Beeson, a San Jose, Calif. businessman, was nominated recently.

Under Farmer's chairmanship the AFL said, "The NLRB has rendered a series of decisions which have the effect of damaging trade unions and strengthening the hand of employers."

Labor Leader Seeks Congressional Seat

Jackson, Tenn. (LPA)—A former president of the Jackson Trades and Labor Council and member of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, State Senator Brooks McLeMore, will run for Congress, seeking the House seat held by Rep. Tom Murray since 1942.

Health Plans Fail, Labor Witnesses Tell Congressmen

Washington (LPA) — Present voluntary hospital and health plans are inadequate; doctors and hospitals have been abusing them, and Congress has the responsibility to do something about it.

These points were among those made Jan. 19 by five labor witnesses before the House Commerce Committee, which is holding hearings on U. S. health problems.

"We say in all seriousness to the members of Congress," declared John Edelman of the Textile Workers, "that there is widespread and deep uneasiness among people everywhere over the fact of constantly increasing costs of illness and ordinary health protection. There is a mounting sense of resentment against the failure of our nation's leadership to offer a practical and acceptable plan which will protect and improve the health of all our people irrespective of income."

Edelman flatly urged National Health Insurance and no substitute. "It is hard economic fact and not theory that has led us to the position which we advocate," he said. "Our continued advocacy of National Health Insurance is based on no doctrinaire basis. Our unions have for years now experimented with practically every type of alternative plan which is offered as a substitute . . . some of (them) are acceptable, and indeed excellent, as far as they go, yet our final conclusion is that National Health Insurance is the only finally adequate answer . . ."

James Brindle, acting director of the United Auto Workers' Social Security Department, pointed out that, even at a cost of \$110 a year, a worker is not assured full protection under present plans. "Restriction of Blue Cross coverage to hospitalized illness rules out practically all preventative and diagnostic care," he said. "The plans are in the unsound position of paying for costly illnesses—often too late, when the subscriber is hospitalized—but ignoring his needs when illness first shows itself or when it may be avoided entirely."

He said that in Michigan only about 3 percent of the auto workers with surgical-medical coverage are entitled to fully paid benefits for in-hospital medical and surgical care. "In practice," he noted, "many surgeons take for granted the insurance money as already earmarked for them. Too often they consider it as 'free.' In virtual disregard of the insurance, they charge such additional amounts as they judge the patient can be persuaded to pay."

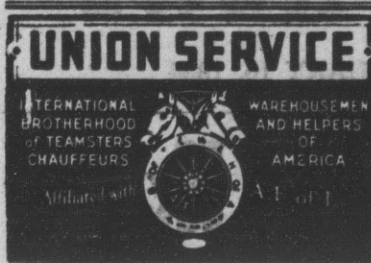
I. W. Abel, secretary-treasurer of the United Steelworkers of America, also noted that " . . . a chief stumbling block, ever more than industry, is the medical profession itself, which is one of the principal financial beneficiaries of our program."

He said his union will bargain in May for an over-all program to provide early diagnostic and preventative care, payment of all hospital medical, dental, drug and appliance bills, substantially increased life insurance and sick and accident benefits, realistic pension benefits for the aged and permanently disabled, a medical-care program for the retired and unemployed and a rehabilitation program for the disabled.

N.Y.C. Unemployed Increase by 42%

New York City.—Unemployment in New York City rose 42 per cent between January 1953 and January 1954, the State Labor Department disclosed. It said 203,500 persons received jobless insurance benefits in mid-January this year, contrasted to 143,000 a year ago.

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We again urge you, as we did in last week's column, that now is the time to register so that you may be able to vote in the coming primary election in June. You have no doubt read about the great labor hater Bramblett, who has represented this district for several years, who not only threw every block possible to take away the gains labor has made over the years

but also mis-handles money which you as a tax payer scrapes and saves to meet your payments by the 15th of March each year. For those of us who did not register and did not vote can lay the blame directly on ourselves, since it is only you people who failed to vote elect such people in office. We hope that in the next few weeks we will have a candidate whom we feel would honestly represent us in Congress and the various State offices.

Attention House Wives . . . We wish to remind you that P. V. Bread house deliveries are delivered by people who are not members of the Teamsters Union. You can assist your Union brother bread drivers in maintaining their wages, hours and conditions by refusing to buy merchandise from the peddlers on P. V. trucks.

It has been quite some time since we listed the Service Stations and Tire Shops that carry the Union card. Please patronize the following:

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Don Hultz Tire, 303 Pajaro; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan & Monterey; LaMar Brothers, E. Market and Monterey; Les Thompson, 214 E. Alisal; Firestone Stores, Monterey & E. San Luis and Good-

year Tire & Rubber Company.

The following members of this Union donated a pint of blood to the blood bank on February 1:

Fred Adams, 13 time donor; James Graham, 6 time donor; Edward Moe, 14 time donor; Mollie Pippin, 6 time donor; John Reagan, 7 time donor; Harry Jones, 4 time donor; Bobbie Miller, 6 time donor; Charles Parker, 11 time donor; Earl Randolph, 8 time donor; Gerald Shackelford, 7 time donor, and Vernon Schackelford, 4 time donor.

Remember, the next blood bank day is March, (the first Monday of every month).

The following members have benefited by the Teamsters Security Fund: last week, John C. Phillips, Alfred Moreno, Roy Williams, Howard Ollman and David L. Wise.

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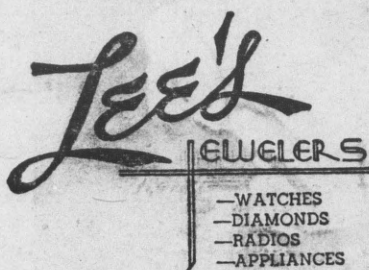
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Labor News

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AFL Lashes Ike's Housing Program

Miami (LNS) — The Eisenhower housing program is inadequate, falling "far short of what is needed" to reach its goal of "a good home for every American family," the AFL Executive Council has declared here at its midwinter meeting. Instead, the AFL called for "new policies and new programs

financial incentives and protections for speculative builders, real estate and mortgage lending institutions have been proposed, no remedy has been suggested for the failure of private builders to construct homes within the means of middle-income families. Neither is there concern with the lack of protection of home purchasers against defects in the houses they buy."

"Such policies should assure that the resources of the housing industry will be employed to sustain prosperity and full employment," the labor chieftains continued as they related homes for all with jobs for all.

President George Meany pointed out that finance charges paid to bankers have risen until "now they are the largest single item in the cost of housing."

Though such charges are most responsible than labor costs in keeping housing costs high—on a 25-year mortgage the home owner pays out as much in interest as in retiring principal — labor gets blamed.

THE BANKER GAINS

"The banker is the one who gains. We never hear anyone suggesting an investigation of this type of racketeering, but we hear a lot of charges about featherbedding practices among construction workers and about bricklayers who are claimed not to lay enough bricks."

Declaring that a third of America is "badly housed," the AFL said today's greatest need is for good housing for low-income families; the need for homes for those in the moderate income bracket is pressing, and only 25 per cent of families with income of over \$5,000 can afford to buy or rent a new dwelling today.

Pointing to only 1.1 million non-farm starts in 1953, and the prospect of only 1 million in 1954, the AFL said this is far below the need, 2 million a year. "The housing need can not be met, nor national prosperity maintained, if residential construction is kept at half this rate," the AFL statement declared.

SCHEME UNREALISTIC

The administration's low-cost private housing scheme is "unrealistic," said the AFL, because "at best" it would involve a monthly expense "almost twice as great as low-income families can afford."

Federation Economist Boris Shishkin pointed out that it would cost \$70 a month to pay carrying charges on an \$8,000 house under the President's 40-year mortgage, low-down-payment plan—or a total of \$33,600 in principal and interest before acquiring full title.

But 25 per cent of American families can't afford to pay more than \$33 a month for rent or mortgage payments, Shishkin estimated while 16 per cent could pay between \$33 and \$50, and 18 per cent between \$50 and 67.

SLUMS MUST GO

Criticizing the emphasis on rehabilitation and remodeling, the AFL said the nation's needs cannot be met by a "patch-up" program, and slums "must be wiped out, not camouflaged. Slum Clearance must go hand in hand with new public housing to assure accommodations to those displaced."

"The administration proposal to equalize financial terms for government-insured mortgages on new and existing housing 'would foster the dangerous over-use of existing dwellings,'" the AFL said. It also would "inflate the price of existing houses and discourage needed new housing activity."

The AFL noted that "while new

financial incentives and protections for speculative builders, real estate and mortgage lending institutions have been proposed, no remedy has been suggested for the failure of private builders to construct homes within the means of middle-income families. Neither is there concern with the lack of protection of home purchasers against defects in the houses they buy."

BOLD PROGRAM NEEDED

Declaring that "a bold and comprehensive program is urgently needed," the AFL proposed:

1—Construction of at least 600,000 units of low-rent public housing within the next three years.

2—An urban redevelopment program with necessary financial aid to cities for slum clearance, rebuilding and replanning to meet modern requirements.

3—Government aid for middle-income housing, especially through long-term, low-cost loans for co-op and nonprofit housing and encouragement of housing for rent.

4—Protection for home buyers under federally-assisted programs, including a mandatory builder's warranty against structural defects.

REALTORS HIT HOUSING

A very different attitude was expressed in Washington, where the incoming president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Ronald J. Chinnock, devoted a key part of his inaugural address to an attack on public housing.

Chinnock disagreed with President Eisenhower's recommendation that the public housing program be continued at a 35,000-a-year pace.

He wanted the program wiped out on grounds that its existence is a "vain, incentive-killing promise" to low-income families that they all can expect to live in such projects. This keeps them from renewing and rehabilitating run-down neighborhoods, the argument ran.

LLPE GETTING MORE SUPPORT

Miami — More union members have joined Labor's League for Political Education than in any year since the league was organized in 1948, George Meany, AFL president, said following a meeting of the league here.

Collection of dollar memberships is the best it has ever been, Meany declared, indicating that there is a growing reaction to the policies of the new Administration.

STUDY CLOSE VOTES

"More and more union members," he continued, "are realizing the necessity for having people in government who will give the worker a fair deal."

The AFL will concentrate its political efforts this year, Meany said, in the marginal Congressional districts where the vote two years ago was as close as 5 percent between the Republicans and the Democrats. There are 100 such Congressional districts. Meany did not name the specific areas in which the AFL would concentrate.

To many the leaps of impulse are considerably greater than the bounds of reason.

AFL Council Demands Ike Act As One in 20 Jobless

Submits 7-Point Program to Halt Recession and Bolster U.S. Economy

The American Federation of Labor's Executive Council, convening its important annual winter session in Miami last week, took up as its first order of business the problem of growing unemployment and the threat of accelerating recession. Meeting amid reports that one worker out of every twenty has now become unemployed the Council said that the time for study is past and the time for action is at hand.

"Our immediate concern is the rapid rise of unemployment in the last few months," the Council noted. "This trend cannot be ignored by the government, nor lightly dismissed as a mere seasonal development. History shows that unemployment feeds on itself and can blight the entire national economy unless it is halted in time."

AFL President George Meany underlined the statement in a press conference following the session. "We have got to have an expanding economy or slip back," Meany declared. "We can't stand still."

"All the signs indicate we're going down hill," he told newsmen. "All of the nation's considerable resources won't help us if we don't use them."

AFL CHALLENGES FIGURES

At the same time AFL economists were challenging the figure of 2,360,000 unemployed reported by the Eisenhower administration in its recent census. They brought out their own statistics to show that the government report was

definitely on the conservative side. Even leaving out what should have been a normal increase in the work force they pointed out that the number of jobs declined from June to January by over 3,500,000. In other words one out of every twenty persons lost his job.

Moreover Director Boris Shishkin of the AFL research department cited figures to show that under normal conditions an expected 500,000 additional persons would have been employed instead of those out of work and looking for employment begins to approach the 4,000,000 mark.

COUNCIL SUBMITS PROPOSALS

To reverse the trend of layoffs, shut downs, and mounting hardships the AFL Council called for immediate action on a seven-point program designed to bolster the sagging economy and avert possible deepening of the crisis. The program, as outlined by Meany, stressed the following:

1. A boost in the minimum wage floor from 75 cents to \$1.25 an hour.
2. Bigger unemployment benefits over a longer period.
3. Expansion of schools, health,

and welfare, also development of natural resources and a conservation program.

4. Federal money for immediate public works.

5. Stepped up low-cost housing and slum clearance programs.

6. A stable economy to take precedence over tax cuts.

7. Implementation of the Full Employment Act which requires the Federal government to "promote maximum employment, production, and purchasing power."

In other developments, Meany, with the full support of the AFL's Council, labeled as disappointing the GOP administration's refusal to raise the minimum wage at this time. He told reporters that Council was not satisfied "by any means" with Eisenhower's stand. "We definitely feel that this is the time," he declared. "It will help stabilize the economy."

Meanwhile, Democratic Senators Sparkman and Douglas, joined the AFL in questioning administration figures on unemployed. Sparkman said he doubted the government was correct in counting as unemployed only 1,119,000 of the 3,630,000 persons who stopped working in the last five months. Douglas raised the same question with the comment: "I wonder if as many people have left the labor force as they assume."

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24 loads in automatic dryer	.22
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